

Keeping track of some of South
Dakota's common butterflies

Black swallowtail	_____
Eastern tiger swallowtail	_____
Checkered white	_____
Cabbage white	_____
Olympia marble	_____
Orange sulphur	_____
Bronze copper	_____
Gray hairstreak	_____
Eastern tailed-blue	_____
Melissa blue	_____
Regal fritillary	_____
Gorgone checkerspot	_____
Pearl crescent	_____
Question mark	_____
Eastern comma	_____
Mourning cloak	_____
Red admiral	_____
Painted lady	_____
Viceroy	_____
Common wood-nymph	_____
Monarch	_____
Sachem	_____
Common checkered skipper	_____

This garden features both perennial and annual
plants to host larval and adult butterflies.

Perennials:

black samson	aromatic aster
anise/lavender hyssop	wild bergamont
purple prairie clover	birdsfoot violet
heath aster	crowfoot violet
wild licorice	textile onion
dotted gayfeather	buffalo bean
butterfly milkweed	hoary vervain
swamp milkweed	showy beardtongue
leadplant	stiff sunflower

Annuals:

cosmos	zinnia
marigold	dill

For more information about this project,
please visit:
[http://www.fws.gov/southdakotafieldoffice/
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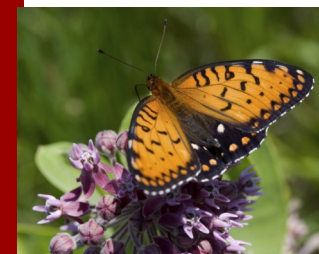
South Dakota



Prairie Butterfly Garden

Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

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butterfly
gardening**



regal fritillary



red admiral

We're glad you visited the Oahe Downstream Prairie Butterfly Garden. This garden demonstrates how to provide for the things butterflies need—food, water, shelter and the opportunity to reproduce. We hope it encourages you to try it yourself.

The inspiration for this project was concern about the plight of some of South Dakota's rarest butterflies, the Dakota skipper and Poweshiek skipperling. These two species depend on native tallgrass prairie, a habitat that is now very rare in South Dakota. We hope your interest in butterflies and other pollinators will broaden your curiosity about the fascinating world of invertebrates and the habitats they need.



eastern comma

This butterfly garden has a variety of annual and perennial plants likely to survive in central South Dakota. Here are some ideas to help you provide for the adult and caterpillar stages of some of South Dakota's common and widespread butterfly species.

Butterfly species	Caterpillar food	Adult food
Eastern tiger swallowtail	Ash	Lilac, dame's rocket, verbena
Black swallowtail	Dill, carrot, parsley	Milkweeds, butterfly bush
Cabbage white	Cabbage, mustards, cauliflower	Many flowers, such as dandelion, dogbane, asters
Clouded sulphur	Clovers	Many flowers, such as dandelion, dogbane, asters
Orange sulphur	Alfalfa, white clover	Alfalfa, dandelion, daisies, asters
Melissa blue	Lupines, alfalfa, wild licorice	Many flowers, such as alfalfa and asters
Variegated fritillary	Violets, pansy	Dogbane, asters, butterflyweed
Great spangled fritillary	Violets	Milkweed, bergamot
Pearl crescent	Asters	Many flowers, such as dogbane, black-eyed Susan
Question mark	Nettles, American elm	Tree sap, dung, rotting fruit
Mourning cloak	Willows, American elm, hackberry	Tree sap, fermenting fruit
Painted lady	Thistles	Composites, such as dandelion and thistles
Viceroy	Willows	Fermenting fruit, dung
Hackberry emperor	Hackberry trees	Tree sap, fermenting fruit, dung
Monarch	Milkweeds	Milkweeds, coneflowers, blazing stars